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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 1. (currently amended) A heatable ice scraping apparatus, comprising:
2 a body portion defining a chamber;
3 a blade portion connected to said body portion and defining an interior space in
4 communication with said chamber, said blade portion having at least one peripheral
5 blade edge; and
6 a heatable material positioned in said chamber for temporarily storing thermal energy
7 whereby to cause a heat transfer to said at least one peripheral blade edge;
8 a conductive element sandwiched between said body and blade portions for transferring
9 said thermal energy from said heatable material to said peripheral blade edge;
10 wherein said conductive element is in communication with said heatable material; and
11 wherein said conductive element extends beyond said at least one peripheral blade edge
12 whereby to form a scraping blade.

1 2. (original) The ice scraping apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said heatable
2 material includes a microwavable gel.

1 3. (original) The ice scraping apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said body portion
2 and said blade portion include a monolithic construction.

1 4-6 (canceled)

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1 7. (original) The ice scraping apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said body portion
2 includes:
3 an outer wall; and
4 an inner wall spaced apart from said outer wall so as to define an intermediate space
5 therebetween, said intermediate space being a vacuum.

1 8. (original) The ice scraping apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said body portion
2 includes:
3 an outer wall;
4 an inner wall spaced apart from said outer wall so as to define an intermediate space
5 therebetween; and
6 an insulating material in said intermediate space.

1 9. (original) The ice scraping apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said body portion is
2 releasably connected to said blade portion.

1 10. (original) The ice scraping apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said blade portion
2 includes a configuration that is round.

1 11. (canceled)

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1 12. (currently amended) A heatable ice scraping apparatus, comprising:
2 a body portion defining a chamber and including a configuration for comfortably
3 accommodating a person's hand, said body portion including an outer wall and an
4 inner wall spaced apart from said outer wall so as to define an intermediate space
5 therebetween, said space being a vacuum;
6 a blade portion connected to said body portion and defining an interior space in
7 communication with said chamber, said blade portion having at least one peripheral
8 blade edge; and
9 a heatable material positioned in said chamber for temporarily storing thermal energy
10 whereby to cause a heat transfer to said at least one peripheral blade edge, said
11 heatable material including a moist substance that contains some water and retains
12 heat.

1 13. (canceled)

1 14. (currently amended) The ice scraping apparatus as in ~~claim 13~~ claim 12
2 wherein said body portion and said blade portion include a monolithic construction.

1 15. (currently amended) The ice scraping apparatus as in ~~claim 13~~ claim 12 further
2 comprising a conductive element sandwiched between said body and blade portions for
3 transferring said thermal energy from said heatable material to said peripheral blade edge.

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1 16. (currently amended) The ice scraping apparatus as in ~~claim 13~~ claim 12
2 wherein:
3 said body portion and said blade portion are removably connected;
4 said conductive element is in communication with said heatable material;
5 said conductive element is situated proximate to at least one outside surface of said at
6 least one peripheral blade edge; and
7 said conductive element is brass, bronze, or copper.

1 17. (currently amended) The ice scraping apparatus as in ~~claim 13~~ claim 12
2 wherein:
3 said body portion and said blade portion are removably connected;
4 said conductive element is in communication with said heatable material;
5 said conductive element extends beyond said at least one peripheral blade edge to act as a
6 scraping blade; and
7 said conductive element is a highly conductive that will not scratch glass.

1 18. (currently amended) The ice scraping apparatus as in ~~claim 13~~ claim 12
2 wherein said body portion and said blade portion are removably connected.